

APPLICATION NO. 10/023,632  
EXAMINER: AMANDA T. LE

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**REMARKS**

This response is provided in response to the Office Action mailed March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

With this response Applicant has renumbered claims 6-20 since the original claims included two claim 5's. Claim 14 (claim 13, as originally numbered) has been withdrawn, without prejudice. In addition, Applicant has amended a number of the claims, as above, to correct lingering informalities and/or numbering inconsistencies. Accordingly, claims 1-13 and 15-20 (renumbered), as selectively amended, remain pending.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

**§112, second paragraph Rejection of Claims 1-12 and 14-19 (renumbered as 1-13 and 15-20)**

In paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Action, originally filed claims 1-12 and 14-19 were rejected as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim that which Applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicant has selectively amended certain of the claims to overcome this rejection.

In particular, Applicant has amended originally number claims 1, 12, 14, 18 and 19 (now, claims 1, 13, 15, 19 and 20) to overcome the bases for rejection. In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the §112, second paragraph rejections have been overcome and, as such, requests that the rejection of claims 1-13 and 15-20 be withdrawn.

**§103(a) Rejection of Claims 13 (renumbered as claim 14)**

In paragraph 3 and 4 of the Action, claims 13 (now, claim 14) was rejected as being unpatentable in view the pending application in combination with a patent issued to Li (USP 6,654,429) pursuant to 35 USC §102(a).

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In response, without agreeing with or accepting the characterization of the claims, the characterization of the citation from the Application, or the characterization of the cited reference, in an effort to conclude prosecution of this matter, Applicant has withdrawn claim 14 from further consideration herein, without prejudice. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 14 (as renumbered) is rendered moot.

#### CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-13 and 15-20, as amended, are in condition for allowance, and earnestly awaits notice thereof. Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #50-0221. If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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